THE RAVEN GOD YETL.

All About the Creator and the Creation, as Viewed Among the Indians of Alaska.

seum on the Alaskan Indians-The Curious Be-Fire, Wood and Stone to Mankind.



different theory of creation and the Creator. The Japanese believe that Heaven and Earth were together in the the world floated around in space like the yolk of an egg. Then the air cozed out and formed Heaven, and the settlings formed the earth. From the earth four pairs of beings sprouted, and these separated the world into its elements.

At this time it seems that there was neither man nor woman, and there was a floating bridge between heaven and earth. Shortly afterwards a male and female were evolved, and they, in meeting, said, spontaneously, "Oh, how lovely!" and from them came the human race. The stories of Japanese mythology would fill a page of this paper. It is the same with the mythological history of China, and the theories of the two nations are much alike. The Chinese believe that there are two principles, a male and a female, in everything, and these two principles are named Yan and Yang. Yan and Yang married, and the seasons were their children. The seasons were united, and the products of the earth came forth. The sun married the moon, and out of their union were produced the stars, and so by a continual intermarriage of these two great principles the whole world was born. One of the most remarkable of the old gods was Pwanku. He chiseled the earth into shape, and in 18,000 years, out of masses of gravite, which floated about throughout the universe, he chiseled the heavens away from the earth, and at last died for the benefit of his handiwork. During the last he grew six feet every day, and after his death his head turned into mountains, his breath formed the winds and the clouds, and his voice became thunder; his teeth and bones turned into rocks and precious stones, his dropping sweat made the rain, and the graybacks which stuck to his body were turned into people.

THE CREATOR A RAVEN. The newest mythological theory, however, comes to us from Alaska, Ensign Niblack, of the United States Navy, has spent a long time among the Indians of the southern coast of that country, acting as an employe of the Smithsonian Institution. He has gathered a large amount of valuable matter about the Alaskan Indians, and his report concerning them will be given to the world this Fall. In this report he speaks in high terms of the intellectual capacities of a number of these Alaskan tribes, and he describes their legendary traditions and folklore as wonderful. Among the most interesting of these traditions possessed by the Alaskans is that regarding the Creator. They believe him to have been a great raven, and he was called by them Yetl. The Mighty Yet! was no ordinary bird. "He had," writes Mr. Niblack, "many human attributes, and the power of transforming himself into anything in the world. His coat of feathers could be put on or taken off at will like a garment, and he could assume any character whatever. He existed before his birth, never grows old, will never die. Numerous are the stories of his adventures in peopling the world

HE MARRIES A SHELL, "According to their ideas the first people but could find none. At last he took a cockleshell from the beach, and marrying it, he still continued to brood and think earnestly of his | Wheeling, was elected Chairman of the West faint cry in the shell, which gradually became | burg on Friday. Stephen B. Elkins is to oppose londer, till at last a little female child was seen. William L. Wilson in the Second Congressional which by degrees grew to be a woman and District. married the raven. From this union came all the Indians of this region, who at first lived in endowed them with the various gifts of light,

fresh water, fire and other things." THE RAVEN'S WICKED UNCLE. All these were in the possession of the chief evil spirit, a great chief, the uncle of Yetl, who lived on the mainland where the Nass River now is. He was master of the tides and had great power, and the stories of bow Yetl circumvented him are numerous and interesting. This uncle had a wife and sister, or according any reason, he was away from home, bunting, fishing or working, he imprisoned her in a box or basket and tied her up to the rafters in the lodge, setting a number of little red birds to watch her. If by any chance the box was opened the little birds would fly to him and warn him. He was also very jealous of the posterity of his sister, whose children he killed, for fear that when they grew up they would prove rivals to him in his wife's affectious. According to one tradition he threw her progeny into the fire; according to another he drowned them. This sister was not allowed to est or drink anything until the chief had exeating certain things many times before.

HOW YETL WAS REBORN. As every part of the house was so jealously guarded Yetl did not know how to get into it to steal the various things he wanted for the good of man, but finally he hit upon the plan of being born into the family. One day he saw the sister go to the brook to get a drink, so transforming himself into a drop of water (or killed the magical crane, whose skin enabled | Sunday. All wires leading to the storm-beaten

skin he could float, COULDN'T KILL HIM. One day the chief discovered Yetl, with whom he pretended to be pleased, but he took him out in a canoe and threw him overboard. Yetl, having on his diver's skin, walked along the bottom and met his uncle on shore. Next the chief threw him into the fire and piled logs upon him, but having on a magic cloak he came out of the fire unharmed. One day when the chief was away he opened the box in which his wife was confined and released her, but the little birds flew to him and informed him. The chief returned in a great rage, but Yetl sat calmly without noticing him. This was too much for the master of the tides, so he commanded the floods to rise and swallow this impudent meddler, but Yetl, giving his mother the skin of the diver to enable her to swim, himself put on the skin of the crane. The malt water rose till it began to come in the door, when the chief put on his tall dance-hat, which made him amphibious, and Yetl flew out the amoke-hole. As he flew he began to tire, and was compelled to come back from time to time to rest on the chief's dance hat, which was the only thing visible, till finally he gained strength enough to fly to the sky, which he pierced with his beak and hung to until the tide reached to his wings, when it began to subside. Finally he let go of his hold and flying thousands. some days he lit on a bunch of kelp to rest.

THE ORIGIN OF FIRE, WOOD AND STONE. "At this point the story," continues Mr. Niblack, "varies so much in different localities that it is difficult to make it at all general. Acsea and rescued his mother from the lord of the have to learn, as all other nations have learned, said to one of the sales and established the sales and rescued his mother from the lord of the have aux tides; according to another he lit originally on | that Providence has so arranged it that a man is | call for husbands here ?" pieces of the wood o the Pouglas pine in his swimming. bill he flew all over the other islands, and wherever he let fall a piece of this wood the Thoughts pine is now found. Fresh water he and warranted to cure all malarial disorders.

stole from the lord of the tides by strategy also the new moon. He also stole the sun and stars from the boxes in which they were imprisoned by the lord of the tides.

"When the sun shone forth for the first time all the people were frightened, and ran in all directions; some of them into the mountains, some into the woods, and some into the water, and all of these were transformed into animals according to their hiding place.

"Fire he obtained from an island in the sea. He reached there by the help of his magic birdskin, and seizing a burning brand in his beak he started back; but the journey was so long Some Interesting Facts Furnished Exclusively to | that nearly all the wood burned up, and even The National Tribune from the Advance Sheets | the point of his bill was scorched black and he of Ensign Nibinck's Report to the National Mu- had to let it drop. The sparks flew over the ground in all directions. From this time both liefs of a Curious People-The Fight of the Evil | the wood and stone contain fire, which can be | gradients depend upon these forces. The difand the Good Spirits Resulting in the Giving of | obtained from the one by striking it and from | the other by rubbing.

" Endless are the details of the adventures of Yetl, not to mention the other traditions and of the pressure gradients, and as these are commyths, which no one Indian can ever learn. VERY nation has a Many of them are remembered simply as bearing on or relating to the totem of the individual. In general their belief is in indwelling spirits. The sea, the woods and the air are peopled with them. All the phenomena of the universe are eginning, and that attributed to their action, and most of the rites of these Indians of a religious nature are in the direction of propitiating them." FRANK G. CARPENTER.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

GENERAL. The remains of Major-General John C. Fremont were placed temporarily in Trinity Cemetery, New York, the funeral services having been held at St. Ignatius. - The drought from which Kansas, Nebraska and parts of Illinois and adjacent States have been suffering, was diminution of the pressure at the earth's surbroken by a heavy rain that has done much good to the growing crops, corn being especially benefited .- The hot weather has injured the wheat and flax crops in South Dakota and Southern Minnesota .- Judge Howland, of the Circuit Court in Indiana, decided that the Indianapolis public schools must teach German whenever the parents shall so demand .---Professor Campbell, a Brooklyn aeronant, is credited with having demonstrated, at Buffalo, level can be regarded as a separate atmosphere, N. Y., that he could successfully navigate the air with his air ship .- The city of Ysleta, Tex., is convulsed over the rival claims of Alderette, Democrat, and Gaal, Republican, both of whom claim to have been elected Mayor of the city. Both the principals and a number of adherents have been arrested, but have been bailed out. The matter will be referred to the Supreme Court of the State.

ted for Member of the Board of Public Works. | tances from the center. ---- About 600 delegates attended the Farmers' Tillman gave the lie to W. A. Ancrum at a political meeting at Darlington, S. C., and bloodshed is expected .- It has been decided by the 16th Ohio District to dispense with the formality of a nominating convention and nominate Maj, McKinley by acclamation at a mass convention of the district to be held at Massi lon in August .- The labor organ at Pittswho now dominate Congress as boodlers and spoilsmen, and advises that they be driven out of power. - The Farmers' Alliance Congress Convention for the Second Kan, District nominated Robert F. Allen as their candidate Committee of Michigan met at Grand Rapids vention to meet in Grand Rapids Sept. 12 .--Hon, J. P. Buchanan, President of the Far-Hampshire. C. H. Amsden will probably be the Democratic nominee. - James Pollock, of

darkness and want. As they multiplied Yetl | Colony, as follows: Prime Minister, without | heart to beat, my will to re-exert itself, and in a sioner of Crown Lands and Public Works, Mr. | and in half an hour I was as well ever." Sievwright, and Secretary for Native Affairs, Mr. Sauer .- Intense heat prevails in Central Austria, and in the Alps from Graubuenden to Lower Austria. The melting of the snow on the mountains has caused the affluents of the Danube to rise. The inhabitants are greatly alarmed. Much damage has already been to some versions, a wife and daughter. Of his | done. - Advices received here from Chili state wife he was very jealous, and whenever, for that the strikers in the nitrate district number to set down here. One little flash of humor 7,000. A conflict occurred between a number of strikers and a body of troops, in which forty of the strikers were killed or wounded .-The Gaulois says that an engagement has occurred between the natives and the French expedition to the Upper Niger, and that the French were routed. It is feared that the natives have blocked the line of retreat of the French.-Count Kalnoky will accompany Emperor Francis Joseph to the German army manuvers at Liegnitz. There Count Kalnoky will meet Chancelor von Caprivi. -The President of the Argentine Republic has sent a message to the House of Deputies asking amined it, as she had become pregnant from | it to authorize the issue of \$6,000,000 in small money market. Gold is quoted at 21 premium. fired on a French vessel has been confirmed, his rifle, with which he had killed a hog, was and it is said in Montreal that the British war busily engaged in skinning the animal with Newfoundland and Miquelon waters.

A race war is in progress at the little village spear of cedar or blade of grass) he eluded the of Kearse, in Barnwell Co., S. C., and so far two wigilance of the chief and was swallowed by | deaths have resulted and a number of whites the girl, and in due time Yetl was born to her | and blacks have been wounded. The fight as a son. She concealed the fact of his birth | began over a trivial affair, but the disposition from the chief for some little time. In ten of the colored people to resist arrest caused the days' time he grew to almost man's size. His | whites to take to arms. -- A cyclone was remother taught him many things, amongst ported to have done much damage near the others the use of the bow and arrow, and he towns of Stillwater, Anoka and Lake City, became an expert shot. With his arrow he Minn., nearly in the path of the fatal storm of Thomas. the wearer to fly; and the diver, with whose | towns are down. - Twelve people were killed and a score seriously injured by the explosion of powder at King's Station, on the Little Miami River, in Ohio. The property loss amounted to him at! \$30,000,--The 16-year-old son of Morris Suliivan, of Goreville, Ill., inflicted fatal wounds on his father and mother because he was tired of waiting for them to die .- Detective Mc-Manus, of the Secret Service, and one of Inspector Byrne's men have arrested Daniel Magrano and Daniel Grinnell in New York, who are suspected of being members of a gang of the last few days. I saw one advertisement. counterfeiters who have been floating \$2 certifi. | under the head of 'lost and found,' as follows: cates .- Pierre Miranda, his wife and five Lost, a gold watch, having a chain from Park. children were burned to death in their beds in | St. to the City Hall.' Now what do you think Montreal, the firemen not being aware of their of that? Another advertisement read: 'Lost, presence in the burning building. Two sailors | a dog with clipped cars named Gyp.' were also burned to death .--- A cyclone prevailed in Pennsylvania and New Jersey on Thursday, causing great loss of property and several lives. Houses were blown down and unroofed, barns destroyed and the growing crops injured so that they are worthless. The cities of Philadelphia, Allentown, Trenton, show yez many a restharaunt fwhere they'll Camden, Eaton and Ashland sustained severe | cook yez a whole dinner before yez ate at all! damages to buildings .- Fire gutted the three upper floors of the Western Union Telegraph building in New York on Friday, and temporarily severed all telegraphic communication between New York and the rest of the country. | year" Six female operators barely escaped with their lives. The loss will reach into the hundred

> By Experience. [Detroit Free Press.]

The Chinese and Japanese have no fire apparatus beyond a water pail, and depend on Provcording to one tribe Yetl descended into the idence instead of a fire department. They the Queen Charlotte Islands, and picking up expected to kick for himself when he goes in

Ayer's Ague Cure is a vegetable preparation,

THE WEATHER. Atmospheric Pressure in Cyclones.

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communications should be addressed—Weather, THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE Office, Washington, D. C. Since the deflecting forces of the cyclonic Low) and the anti-cyclonic (High) gyrations of air are from the center in the former, and toward it in the latter, the greatest pressure is at the distance from the center where they vanish and change from the one to the other, at least so far as the pressure and pressure ference of pressure between the lowest at the center and the highest where the gyrations vanish depends of course upon the summation paratively steep in the cyclonic part, the difference between the highest pressure and that at the center of the cyclone is generally very much greater than that in the anti-cyclopic part, between the highest pressure and that of the general undisturbed surrounding pressure. Whatever the nature of the earth's surface (land or water, valley or mountain) and the gyratory wind velocities there, the differences between these velocities and those at any altitude, at the same distance from the cyclonic center, are the same in any case, so that where the gyratory velocities at the earth's surface are greater, for any reason, all those at any altitudes are increased by the same amount. The pressure at the earth's surface is scarcely affected by the upward expansion of air in the interior from a higher temperature, since the anti-cyclonic gyrations almost entirely prevent face. The barometric or pressure gradient is proportional to the horizontal force which causes it, and this depends almost entirely upon the gyratory velocities. The gradient, therefore, diminishes in intensity from the center of the cyclone outward. What is stated with regard to pressures at the earth's surface is true of those at any altitude above the surand the gyratory velocities of the general atmosphere at that level as those of the base of the atmosphere above that level. At any given plane of that altitude is also, or very nearly, where the gyrations vanish and the cyclonic change into the anti-cyclonic.

All that area in a cyclone in which the barometric pressure is below the usual average, say 30 inches, or 760 millimeters, is called an area The Ohio Republican Convention renomi- of low pressure, or simply low, or cyclone. It nated Daniel J. Ryan for Secretary of State | is evident that the depth of the minimum preme Court. Frank J. McColloch was nomina- area and the gradients at the different dis-

Where the gyratory velocity is very great Alliance Conventionat St. Paul, Minn., and were | near the center of the cyclone, the gradient addressed by Ignatius Donnelly and W. W. Er- | depends almost entirely upon the centrifugal win .- The North Carolina Farmers' Alliance | force, especially in low latitudes, and as this threatens to make inroads into the Democratic | becomes very great where the radius is small, | yez." party, as they require a pledge from every can- such cyclones, even of small extent, may have a didate before they will support him .- Capt. | deeper minimum pressure than large cyclones.

PARALYZED BY A SCRATCH.

Republican Congressional Committee of the Peculiar Experience of a Man on the Field of Battle. "I have read of men being paralyzed by a wound and unable to move," said a well-known prominent Maine office-holder to a Lewiston Journal writer, "and I believe it. I know that burg, Pa., in a recent issue repudiates the men | there have been many cases of the kind, and one of them in particular has such a personal twist that I have a good reason to remember. "It was at the battle of Chantilly, in the early part of the fight. We had approached a low, rambling fence-a Virginia fence, as they Thursday afternoon. This is Congressman were called-and I had my gun through it and Funston's District .- At a meeting of the was doing what service I could. I saw the Democratic State Committee of Wisconsin, at | splinter fly from a piece of that fence under White Fish Bay, Aug. 7 was selected as the the impetus of a ball from the enemy. In the date for the State Convention, and Milwaukee | lightning flash of the flying wood I seemed to as the place. —The Democratic State Central | find time to dodge, and there was a quick pain like the searing of a hot iron, and the splinter and decided to issue a call for the State Con- was through my hat-band and along my scalp, penetrating it, but not injuring the skull. The blow was severe and stunned me, and I rememmer's Alliance of Tennessee, was nominated for | ber as well my last look at the scene-the Governor by the Democratic Convention on | fighting troops, the smoke, the battle and the and giving to man the earth, fire, fresh water, the 26th ballot,-D. S. Hall, Representative trampling men. I fell back, my legs half doubled in Congress from the Third Minnesota District, up beneath me, and in a moment my strength was unanimously renominated by the Republi- was gone and I was powerless. I saw everycans at Glenco Saturday,-- It is practically thing. Men fell upon me. Men trampled sprung from a cockle-shell. Yetl became very settled that J. B. Smith, of Hillsboro, will be upon me. Horses reared around me. The lonely and began to look around him for a mate, the Republican candidate for Governor of New battle was on all sides. My wits were clear, my brain unclouded, but there was I, dying a death momentarily; alive, yet dead, and sufferwish for a companion. By and by he heard a Virgina Republican State Committee at Parkers have. I lay there perhaps half an hour-every ing more tortures than I thought life could moment a year of agony-when I felt someone's hand on my collar, and I was dragged out and turned on my face, where I lay for a moment as someone rifled my cartridge-box. The A new Cabinet has been formed in Cape motion saved me. My pulse seemed to stir, my portfolio, Mr. Rhodes; Attorney-General, Mr. | few minutes I was myself. The wound was so lones; Treasurer, Mr. Merriman; Commis- small that I stanched it with my handerchief,

Resented the Insult.

[London Telegraph.] Many were the thrilling episodes and adventures of the great war which fell in fascinating recitals from the lips of Gen. Sherman, but they are either recorded in the pages of his autohiography, or are too long and discursive is, perhaps, worth preserving from all the war-

talk which we enjoyed. "Gen. Thomas," said he, "junior to me in rank, but senior in service, was a stern disciplinarian. He had received many complaints about the pilfering and plundering committed by one of his brigades, and, being resolved to put this offense down, he issued some very strict orders, menacing with death any who should transgress. The brigade in question wore for its badge an acorn, in silver or gold, and the men were inordinately fond of this distinctive sign. Several cases of disobedience had been reported to the General, but the evidence was never strong enough for decisive paper currency. This move has alarmed the action, until one day, riding with an Orderly down a by-lane outside the post, Thomas came -The story that a Newfoundland cruiser full upon an Irishman, who, having laid aside vessels will make a naval demonstration in his sword-bayonet, so as to make easy work with the bristles, etc., before cooking some pork chops.

"'Ah,' cried the General, 'you rascal! at last I have caught one of you in the act, There is no mistake about it this time, and I will make an example of you, sir.' " Bedad, General, honey! said the man, straightening himself up and coming to the salute, 'it's not shootin' me that you ought to be at, but rewardin' me.'

"'What do you mean, sir?' exclaimed Gen. "'Why, your honor!' the soldier replied, 'this bad baste here had just been disicratin' the regimental badge, and so I was forced to dispatch him. It's atin' the acorns I found

"Even Gen. Thomas was obliged to laugh at this, and the soldier saved his life by his wit."

> English as She is Wrote. [Detroit Free Press.]

Said an observing young lady: "Just think of what I have seen in the Detroit papers in Nothing Strange.

[Lawrence American.] Smithers-I saw a man to-day who advertises to make you a pair of shoes while you wait,

O'Brannigan-Sure, that's nothin'! I can Promised Lots of Fun. [Norristown Herald.] "Has Rev. Sam Jones visited your city this

"No; but we are promised plenty of other amusements. A dime circus was here last month, there is to be a horse race next week, and the County Fair opens in September." Met His Match.

[Texas Siftings.]

A fellow thinking to appear smart, entered a

"Oh, yes, occasionally. Are you looking for a market ?"

"Yes," said Smarty. "All right. Step right up on the 10-cent

counter."

TRACY TREMMEL. (Continued from 2d page.)

were whipping them, but no such cheering indication came.

"It'll be all right, boys," said Job hopefully, as we halted for a moment on a hummock to rest and scrape the mud from us. "There's solid ground somewhere in North Carolina. We'll find it directly, an' then we'll get these skunks on to it an' wallep them till their blamed hides won't hold shucks. Le's look over our ca'tridges, boys, an' see that they're dry an' ready for business. I feel that this thing's comin' to a head now purty soon." We made the examination, and found that the ammunition was all right.

"Yes," added Web, "and I've brung my bottle o' Liver Invigorator through all right, too. I'm awful glad, for I was mightily seared several times that I'd broke the bottle." . A few steps farther and we came to an opening, which led to solid ground. Before us was a little stretch covered only with coarse grass. To our right came a path, which apparently led off to the rebel fort on our left.

"Hooray, we've got some place at last!' shouted Job. "Hist!" said Lan, cocking his gun, "here

come some men." We looked to the right and saw a squad of eight or ten rebels approaching, evidently on their way to join in the fighting. At their head marched a stalwart man with the stripes of a Sergeant. Besides his gun he was armed with a revolver and a heavy bowie-knife. "Get ready for a rush, boys, when I start," whispered Job, and I braced myself for what was to come.

"Surrender, you hellions," shouted Job, springing out and leveling his gun on the surprised rebel. "No," said the latter, raising his musket; North Carolinians never sur-

"Crack," went Job's gun, and the leader fell upon his face, his gun going off in the air. We all blazed away, excitedly-all except Quin, who had fixed his bayonet and dashed savagely at the next man. The startled rebels fired wildly at us, and then, as if overcome by the sight of Quin, whirled and began running for dear life over the open space.

I was not prepared for this. I supposed that, shooting once begun, we would stay there and shoot until all were killed, and I was loading altitude, therefore, the highest pressure in the my gun with nervous haste, to get another shot before they did. It was a second before we collected our scat-

tered senses enough to take after them. By this time they had the start, and being much fresher, outstript us, and reached the woods beyond. Quin alone gained on his man, but just as he shortened to make the fatal lunge with his bayonet, the rebel tript and fell, with and Thaddeus A. Minshall for Judge of the Su- pressure depends upon both the extent of the | Quin tumbling on top of him. There was a minute's struggle, when Quin rose to his feet, with the rebel's long hair in his vise-like grasp. "D'yez surrinder, ye thafe av the wurruld, panted Quin, giving the hair a twist that

threatened to wring the fellow's neck. "If

yez don't Oi'll tear the whole thatch off av

"Ouch, le' go o' my head," pleaded the robel. "I've done gi'u up." Our race had brought us out on a little hillworks. The whole battle was in plain view. As we looked the rebels nearest us caught sight of the regiments on the right of our line, which had now reached the edge of the clearing. The rebels opened fire at once upon them. Between the gallant Massachusetts boys and the breastworks was a pond of unknown depth, but the Yankees rushed into this with a cheer,

bullets splashed the water like a hailstorm, but on they pushed. Then a great cheer came up from away over on the left of the line, where the 21st Mass, and the 51st N. Y. had gained the edge of the clearing, and were wildly racing for the honor of placing their colors first on the rebel stronghold. The cheer was taken up in the center, where Hawkins's Zouaves were. The woods rang with "zoo!" "zoo!" "zoo!"-the corduroy road became a surging river of crimson

though they sank to their waists. The rebel

fezes and red breeches. The astonished rebeis began to break and run. In an instant the flags of the 21st Mass. and 51st N.Y. were fluttering above the bank of green, a wave of bristling steel was sweeping over the works from left to right, and all resistance was at an end. It was Satan take the hindmost among the men who had been fighting us so stubbornly for nearly four hours. They left their dead and wounded, their cannon unspiked, and hundreds of muskets, revolvers and bowie-knives, which littered the ground inside the works.

Amid this wreck and confusion lay, stone dead, the rebel Officer of the Day, his office indicated by his sash worn across his breast from

shoulder to shoulder. What an exultant crowd we were, as we gathered in the rebel battery. We forgot that we were wet, muddy and tired. It seemed to me that I was a giant in strength and stature. I was tickled to death. I had been through the battle, had helped to win a great victory. and I was totally unburt! We yelled till the woods rang, and danced and sang as if crazy. The officers were as wild as the rest of us. They shook hands with each other and with us, made speeches, and called for cheers for the

While we were so engaged, Gen. Reno, eager for more laurels, swept by us with his brigade, in pursuit of the flying rebels. Soon a messenger from him came rushing back, with his compliments to Gen, Foster, and a little black horse, which he had captured, and

the information that the rebels were trying to escape from the island to Nag's Head, lying to move forward and try to entercept them. We set out at once, and sweeping ahead as fast as our legs would carry us, speedily came to where the 9th N. Y. had brought back one of the boats in which the rebels were trying to escape by wading into the water, and opening a sharp fire upon it. It proved to contain about 25 men and a wounded rebel officer, who cursed his captors, "the Yankees," and the "Aboli-

tionists" generally, and regretted that he had only one life to lose for the Southern Confed-"That is O. Jennings Wise, son of Gov. Henry A. Wise, of Virginia, and the commandant of our corps, the Richmond Blues," said one of

I heard afterward that Wise died during the night, and with his latest breath cursed all feet from the river shore. who were fighting for the Union. Some of the prisoners we had gathered up on the way reported that the rebels were in force

at the north end of the island, and would give Gen. Foster closed up his brigade and started

off to find them. We were so wrought up now that we were anxious to meet anybody who was in the humor for fighting.

Job tried to work us in at the head of the column, but the Captain of the leading comhonor of being in the advance that he would stand a word she says." not permit it, and we had to go to the rear of the regiment. We covered about three miles in a very short time, when a volley burst out of the woods at the head, and was at once answered by one from our skirmishers. Then a cheer told us that the rebels were running. The brigade at once went into line-of-battle and began advancing slowly. The advance told us that they had met a company of rebels, who ran after receiving one volley, which killed three of them, and we found their bodies lying

where they had stood. A rebel officer bearing a white flag, and accompanied by two or three men, came out of the woods. The line was halted to know what it meant. He inquired for the officer in command, and was conducted to Gen. Foster.

"I am Lieut.-Col. Fowle, sir," he said, "of the 31st N. C., and I am sent by Col. Shaw to ask it meant. He inquired for the officer in comwhat terms of capitulation you will grant our army." Gen. Foster's blood was up, as it most always

was when near rebels, and he answered, curtly and decisively: "None whatever, sir. Nothing but immediate and unconditional surrender."

How that answer suited our temper. A murmur of approval ran through the ranks. The rebel seemed disappointed and depressed, He waited a moment and then asked : "How much time will you grant for the consideration of your terms?" Promptly came Gen. Foster's answer:

your command and come back with your commander's decision." "Very well, sir," said the rebel, "I will notion store on Sixth Ave. the other day, and | inform him of your answer." "All right," answered Gen. Foster. "Maj. Stevenson (to an officer of the 24th Mass.), go with this gentleman, and bring back his commander's reply."

"Only long enough, sir, for you to return to

The officers disappeared in the woods, and we leaned on our muskets and awaited the

An anxious quarter of an hour passed, which seemed almost a day. We feared that the sun would go down while we waited. Gen. Foster's impatience increased visibly every minute. At last he would wait no longer, and his bugle rang out "Forward!" which was taken up all along the line, and we advanced, with our guns at a "ready."

We had gone about 100 yards, when we saw Maj. Stevenson returning, accompanied by another rebel officer, wearing the eagle of a Colonel. Maj. Stevenson introduced him to Gen. Fos

ter as Col. H. M. Shaw, of the 8th N. C., and he came at once to the point with the state-"I give up my sword to you, sir, and surrender 5,000 men."

The scene that ensued passes description. Everybody seemed to have gone crazy. Whoever could crow, -and I never imagined that so many men could successfully imitate a rooster, -set to "cock-a-doodle-doo-ing" with all his might. Many turned somersaults, and stood on their heads. Job and Quin started to hug each other, and then began a wrestling match, and Lan lifted up his musical baritone with a grand

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below," and 500 manly voices joined him in the thanks-

giving to the God of Battles. We marched to where the rebels were, and received their arms from them. Messengers arrived from other parts of the island, reporting that the victory was complete. All the forts and batteries were in the hands of our men, the rebel vessels-all but one, which was grounded and now burning-had run away, and were being hotly pursued by our ships. At Job's suggestion our squad struck off down a road in search of a house and something to eat. After going a couple of miles we came to

with an eager look on their faces. "Howdy, strangers," said the woman, as we came in front of the door. "What's the idee of all this bommin' an' shootin' that's been a-gwine on down the road for the last two

a fairly good cabin, before which stood a mid-

dle-aged woman and a brood of children, all

"The idee, ma'am," answered Job, "is that the Union soldiers have licked the stuffin' out o' these rebels 'round here, an' taken the whole bilin' of 'em prisoners." "Sho, is that a fack ?"

"It's as true as the Gospel," asserted Job. "Well, I'm powerful glad on it," she answered frankly. "I'm glad somethin's happened to 'em. An ornrier set o' skunks never drawed the breath o' life. They've stole every shoat I had on the place, an' milked my cow reg'lar, so that I haint been able to git a drop from her sence they've been on the island. I'd like to pound the heads offen the whole caboodle of 'em."

Job opened negotiations with her for supper. She knew nothing about paper moneywouldn't tech it, for her husband used ter say that it was all either counterfeit er the banks 'd busted," but finally agreed to get us up a meal in consideration of 25 cents apiece in silver, which we managed to scrape up among us.

She had her boys kill some chickens, and she baked us a bountiful supply of corn hoe-cakes and sweet potatoes, from which I made the most enjoyable meal I ever ate. It was a delicious change from the diet we had been subsisting on for the past month. After supper we suddenly became so tired that the thought of moving another step was painful. The idea of making our way back to camp was intolerable. At a little distance from the house was a shed half-filled with blades and tops of corn. We crawled into it, removed our shoes and belts, and lay down. Beds of dewn were never so inviting, and in a minute or two we were oblivious to all earthly trials and triumphs. We were undisturbed through the night, had a breakfast of boe-cakes, fried chicken and sweet potatoes baked in the ashes, and then sought camp, where I am now penning these lines.

A congratulatory order by Gen. Burnside has just been read to us, which, after praising everybody for courage and good soldiership, says that we have captured six forts, 40 cannon, 3,000 small-arms, and about 3,000 prisoners. We have lost 41 killed and 181 wounded, a small loss for so great a gain. The rebels lost fully as many as we did in killed and wounded. Besides, we have inflicted a blow upon them that will make the whole accursed Southern Confed-

Dearest mother, my heart swells with pride over it all. I am proud of myself, for I succeeded in doing my duty, and I am very proud of my comrades. Job, Lan, Quin, Herman, Cad and Web are the noblest, bravest fellows that ever lived. How much I wish you could have seen how splendidly they behaved all the

Your affectionate son, TRACY.

(To be continued.) Gettysburg Monuments.

The Engineer Brigade, Army of the Potomac, will dedicate a granite monument near Gen. Meade's headquarters on the Gettysburg field, Sept. 17. The brigade consisted of the 50th and 15th N. Y. Eng. The 17th is the anniversary of the day the 50th was mustered into the service. The monument is already finished, costing \$3,000, and is in the form of a castle, the badge of the corps. Capt. Jno. T. Davidson, of Elmira, N. Y., has been selected to deliver the oration. Excursion rates will be

Is It Maj. Andre's Sword !

[New York Sun.] Henry Reipe keeps a boathouse and fishermen's resort on the Passaic River at Avondale, Just behind his residence is a little vineyard. While hoeing among his vines a few days ago, the northeast. He suggested that Gen. Foster | he came upon a long, narrow piece of rusted metal, After cleaning off the gravel, dirt, and mold, he saw that he had an officer's sword of Revolutionary pattern. The sword was of the regulation size and had an old-fashioned English handle. It was stuck almost fast in a metal scabbard. Excepting about six inches just below the hilt, it was in perfect condition. Reipe polished it with cleaning-powder, and was rewarded for his pains with the discovery of this inscription in old English letters on the blade: "Major John Andre." There is no other letter or mark on the sword. Major Andre is said to have traversed all the ground in the neighborhood of Reipe's place, so it is thought there is little doubt that the old sword once swung at his side. Reipe says the sword lay about one foot under the surface, and sixty

Mismated.

ally are unfortunate."

[New York Weekly.] Mrs. Wilton-"I have not heard from your laughter since she married a foreign Count." Mrs. Bilton-"She is very unhappy." Mrs. W .- "Too bad; but such matches usu-

Mrs. B .- "Indeed they are. You see the poor girl knows so little of foreign languages that she drops back into English every time she pany of the 24th Mass, was so jealous of the gets mad, and then her husband can't under-



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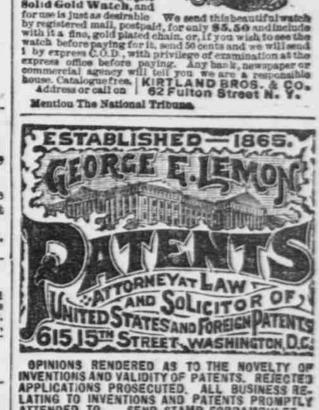
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